

**RECEIVED**  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

**DEC 12 2006**

**FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP**

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10151  
Telephone: (212) 588-0800  
Facsimile: (212) 588-0500  
E-mail: Firm@flhlaw.com

**FACSIMILE COVER LETTER**

**To:** Commissioner for Patents  
Examiner Pitaro, Ryan F.  
**Firm:** U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Art Unit 2174  
**Facsimile:** (571) 273-8300  
**From:** William S. Frommer  
**Date:** December 12, 2006  
**Re:** FLH Ref No.: 450101-02478  
Serial No: 09/914,104

**Number of Pages:** 3  
(including cover page)

---

If you do not receive all pages or are unable to read the transmission, please call (212) 588-0800.

---

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**

The documents accompanying this transmission contain confidential information intended for a specific individual and purpose. The information is private, and is legally protected by law. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution, or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this facsimile is strictly prohibited.

0038345

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER****DEC 12 2006**PATENT  
450101-02478**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Yasushi Takahashi Notice of Allowance  
Dated: 11/01/2006

Serial No. : 09/914,104

For : SCREEN CONTROL METHOD

Filed : January 25, 2002

Examiner : Pitaro, Ryan F.

Art Unit : 2174

Confirmation No. : 9637

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10151**FACSIMILE**

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the  
Patent and Trademark Office Central Fax Center No.  
(571) 273-8300 on the date shown below.

Barnet Shindelman  
Type or print name of person signing certification

Barnet Shindelman  
Signature

December 12, 2006

Date of Signature

**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed October 23, 2006. To the extent the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be

**DEC 12 2006**PATENT  
450101-02478

interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicant's attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicant's contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicant of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicant, by his attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP  
Attorneys for ApplicantBy   
William S. Frommer  
Reg. No. 25,506  
(212) 588-0800